

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
EASTERN DIVISION

COREY ALAN BENNETT,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
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VS.	)	No. 14-1120-JDT-egb
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MICHAEL DONAHUE, ET AL.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

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ORDER TO MODIFY THE DOCKET,  
DISMISSING CASE WITHOUT PREJUDICE AND  
ASSESSING \$400 CIVIL FILING FEE

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On April 7, 2014, the Plaintiff, Corey Alan Bennett, Tennessee Department of Correction (“TDOC”) prisoner number 509793, who is currently an inmate at the Riverbend Maximum Security Institution (“RMSI”) in Nashville, Tennessee,<sup>1</sup> filed a *pro se* complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF Nos. 1 & 2.) Plaintiff is a three-strike filer under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). In an order issued on September 23, 2014, the Court denied leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* because the complaint did not satisfy the imminent danger exception to § 1915(g) and directed Plaintiff to pay the \$400 civil filing fee within 30 days. (ECF No. 5.) The order further stated that “[f]ailure to do so

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<sup>1</sup> At the time the complaint was filed, Plaintiff was incarcerated at the Hardeman County Correctional Facility in Whiteville, Tennessee. He was transferred several times during the pendency of this case, and the TDOC’s Felony Offender Information database shows that he is currently at the RMSI. The Clerk is directed to MODIFY the docket to reflect that Plaintiff’s current address is the RMSI, 7475 Cockrill Bend Blvd., Nashville, TN 37209-1048.

will result in the assessment of the filing fee directly from Plaintiff's inmate trust account and dismissal of this action for failure to prosecute." (*Id.* at 5.)

To date, Plaintiff has not paid the civil filing fee, and the time in which to do so has long expired. Therefore, because Plaintiff has not paid the filing fee within the time specified, this case is DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE pursuant to Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Notwithstanding the dismissal of this action, the Court is still required to assess the civil filing fee, since the responsibility for paying the filing fee accrues at the time a complaint is filed. *McGore v. Wrigglesworth*, 114 F.3d 601, 607 (6th Cir. 1997), *partially overruled on other grounds by LaFountain v. Harry*, 716 F.3d 944, 951 (6th Cir. 2013); *cf. In re Alea*, 286 F.3d 378, 381-82 (6th Cir. 2002) (dismissal of civil action filed by prisoner pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) did not obviate the obligation to pay the filing fee).

It is ORDERED that Plaintiff cooperate fully with prison officials in carrying out this order. It is further ORDERED that the trust fund officer at Plaintiff's prison shall withdraw from Plaintiff's trust fund account the sum of \$400 and forward that amount to the Clerk of this Court. If the funds in Plaintiff's account are insufficient to pay the full amount of the civil filing fee, the prison official is instructed to withdraw all of the funds in Plaintiff's account and forward them to the Clerk of Court. On each occasion that funds are subsequently credited to Plaintiff's account, the prison official shall immediately withdraw those funds and forward them to the Clerk of Court, until the civil filing fee is paid in full. The trust fund officer is not required to remit any balance less than \$10, unless that amount

would constitute the final installment of the civil filing fee, provided that any balance under \$10 is held in custody for purposes of paying the civil filing fee in this action and is promptly remitted to the Clerk when sufficient funds are deposited into Plaintiff's account to bring the balance to \$10.

Each time that the trust fund officer makes a payment to the Court as required by this order, he shall print a copy of the prisoner's account statement showing all activity in the account since the last payment under this order and file it with the Clerk along with the payment. All payments and account statements shall be sent to:

Clerk, United States District Court, Western District of Tennessee  
111 S. Highland Ave., Room 262, Jackson, TN 38301

and shall clearly identify Plaintiff's name and the case number on the first page of this order.

If Plaintiff is transferred to a different prison or released, he is ORDERED to notify the Court immediately of his change of address. If still confined, he shall provide the officials at the new prison with a copy of this order.

The Clerk shall mail a copy of this order to the prison official in charge of prison trust fund accounts at Plaintiff's prison. The Clerk is further ORDERED to forward a copy of this order to the Warden of the RMSI to ensure that the custodian of Plaintiff's inmate trust account complies with that portion of 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(a)-(b) pertaining to the payment of filing fees.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ **James D. Todd**  
JAMES D. TODD  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE